

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Community Safety Working Group  
held at Colne Town Hall on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
Jerry Stanford – in the Chair**

Cllr Kevin McNulty	Colne Town Council
PCSO Ivan Hartley	NPT
PCSO Keely Evans	NPT
Cllr Ash Sutcliffe	LCC, Pendle Borough Council & Colne Town Council
Cllr D Cockburn-Price	Pendle Borough Council & Colne Town Council
Cllr S Cockburn-Price	Pendle Borough Council & Colne Town Council
Tim Horsley	Pendle Borough Council

### **1. Welcomes and Apologies**

Mr Stanford asked the Group if they agree to his chairing the meeting in the absence of the Chairman; this was agreed. He then welcomed everybody to the meeting.

Apologies received from: K McNulty, A Mann.

Chair was asked to notify Nick Harbour that his circulation list was out-of-date and needed change to reflect recent committee changes. **Action Chair**

### **2. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were approved as a true and correct record.

### **3. Matters Arising**

**Police Actions:**  
**None**

**Other Matters:**

Chair enquired whether there had been any action regarding children climbing on the roof of Primet School. PCSO Hartley explained that action had been taken, most of the miscreants were known and parents involved.

Slippery Pavement under rail bridge – The MP has been asked to assist.

SPID Update – all four Town and Parish Councils have declined to take responsibility for purchase and management of the SPID devices despite clear public wish to have them in place and a desperate need to deter late night car racing before more lives are lost. This was not helped by an erroneous circular from the Town and Parish Councils National body which confused SPIDS with radar devices. The Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner has agreed to come to talk to CTC about the matter and it is hoped that this will have some impact.

**Matters of Concern:**

Emailed Issues from Waterside by Cllr Mann: 1. Children on roof of Primet – see matters arising.

2. Access to the river under the viaduct where youngsters take risks and trespass, often with a drugs connection, specifically gathering at 1800-1830. Chair explained that access repair was put in hand

by Pendle Borough Council some time ago; AS will check if the displaced railing has been repaired to block that point of access and notify Chairman. **Action AS**

3. School road-markings faded at Primet Primary; AS advised that all Head Teachers have already been written to by LCC asking to report if their road-markings require repainting.

4. Van causing obstruction at exit from Knotts Lane to A56. Ivan asked that he be notified of the van registration if it is persistent, and he will action. **Action AM**

5. Police report follow-up to crime reported – IH explained that it all depended upon the severity of the actual crime reported as to the degree of follow-up. Minor things like shed break-ins are restricted to a crime number but if sufficient indications are that forensic or other evidence could be obtained then a visit will be made. On-going investigations are not usually further informed about for obvious reasons.

6. Parking in Hartley Square – this was fully discussed in the meeting at which the decision to approve was reached and had the full backing of BID who were concerned about long-term abuse of parking.

AM's P.S. – As discussed at Area the CSP working group is represented on all its parent bodies (PBC, PBC Area, CTC) by at least three regular WG members and there is thus no need for a specific named representative.

Cllr D Cockburn-Price: In response to the speeding issues refer to in the SPID update, Laneshaw Bridge PC has held a competition for local schoolchildren to produce a poster warning of the dangers. Chair suggested that the LCC Speed Team could be approached to declare a Community Concern speeding area for the A6068 through the village. The banners should be adjusted by fitting stiffening to prevent the wind deflecting them away from facing the on-coming traffic.

There were no other matters of concern.

#### **4. Crime Statistics & Police Priorities**

##### **The crime figures for May**

The crime figures for August together with figures for the same period in 2020: were overviewed by PCSO Ivan Hartley. He explained that since Jeff retired in March there is no one in place to prepare the crime figures. A PCSO has kindly put together figures but she has not been fully briefed and as a result these are not a reasonable reflection of the actual crime as there is some double counting. Accordingly, until there is a proper facility in place figures will not be reliable. Chair explained that these figures provided the base point from which this Committee could recommend appropriate actions and targets, along with the parent committees and they are an essential part of the effectiveness of the group. He undertook to approach senior officers to establish what method will be put in place to supply reliable figures.

**Action JS**

	Waterside		Horsfield		Colne Rural		Vivary Bridge		Foulridge		Total		Plus/minus
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	
Burglary – Residential	0	4	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	6	+3
Burglary – Commercial	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	+2
Vehicle Crime	5	7	3	4	1	1	0	3	1	0	10	15	+5
Hate Crime	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		=
Assaults	16	16	11	12	4	2	7	17	3	1	41	48	+7
Theft	14	17	5	17	1	3	4	9	2	1	26	47	+21
Criminal Damage	3	9	3	6	0	0	3	2	0	0	9	17	+8
All Crime	70	95	36	65	14	26	35	59	6	7	161	252	+91
ASB	51	32	26	20	10	7	18	17	1	0	96	76	-10

Ivan and Keely updated on crime generally and explained that their major thrust was ASB amongst youths which continues unabated. Patrols of the usual hot-spots including the Golf Club area, Alkincoates Bowling Green and North Valley trading estates. Chair suggested that as schools were now completing the exam round, the older youths would be at a loose end, so it is not expected to lessen.

#### **CYAG Update:**

The take-over of the Byron Road Youth Club continues to drag on and it is hoped to have everything completed by the end of next month. In the meantime, work goes on at pace with “apprentice” places and work experience slots being found in retailers for some, whilst the regular football, cricket, gaming at Ernies, Martial arts, Trawden Youth Club all thriving. A rounders group has started for girls on Wednesdays. An exciting development is the possibility of a new mini-bus, with funding obtained from a number of sources and being added to gradually. Other grants applications are being submitted.

#### **Any Other Business**

Group is asked to note that the August meeting will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August not the 4<sup>th</sup> August as previously advertised, This shift is a one-off to match the moving of the Area Committee date to that date. There was no other business.

**Next Meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> July at Colne TH.**

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